1 2	3	4	5
28. West Bengal	6.6	8.1	na
29. A&N Islands	-4.2	10.8	na
30. Chandigarh	13.3	13.5	na
31. Delhi	10.3	9.2	na
32. Pondicherry	-10.7	6.2	7.4
ALL INDIA:	7.5	9.4	9.6

NA - not available

SOURCE: Central Statistical Organisation.

Tribal farmers with Kisan Credit Cards

50. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal farmers having Kisan Credit Cards in Jharkhand district-wise and block-wise;

(b) the percentage of tribal farmers that have Kisan Credit Cards;

(c) by when all tribal farmers will have Kisan Credit Cards; and

(d) the total amount for tribal Kisan Credit Cards in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The Date reporting system of NABARD, which is the Nodal Agency for implementation of Kisan Credit Card (KCC), does not collect the requisite information, in the manner asked for.

During the year 2007-08 (till November 30, 2007) a total of 32,495 KCCs have been issued with the sanctioned amount of Rs. 358 lakh. As on November 30,2007, since inception, a total of 7,46,967 KCCs have been issued in the State of Jharkhand, having a sanctioned amount of Rs. 1,21,550 lakh (all data provisional).

Relief to farmers

51. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to announce relief to the farmers who are suffering under the burden of mounting loans;

(b) if so, whether the banks would be directed to waive loans to small farmers;

(c) if so, how many farmers are expected to be benefited from the such initiative; and

(d) the details of the total outlays that would be earmarked for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) The Government had appointed an Expert Group on Agricultural Indebtedness under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. Radhakrishna. The Expert